

WOMEN PRAISE JUDGE WHO JOLTED ANTI-SUFFRAGIST

New York, Aug. 9.—Local suffrage leaders are praising Magistrate McGuire, who reprimanded Lawrence Rupp for breaking up a woman suffrage meeting at which Rupp's wife was speaking.

Rupp's defense was that he had a right to break up the meeting because his wife had not been at home to get supper for him. McGuire ruled that Rupp's domestic difficulties had nothing to do with the case.

"Mrs. Rupp is a brick," said Martha Klatschen, organizer of the New York Woman Suffrage party, today. "That man Rupp is just the type of man who opposes equal suffrage. If he'd been at home when he should have, he would have had his supper all right."

Mary Wesner of California, who came here to tell New York women how they got the vote, said:

"The only mistake Magistrate McGuire made was in not sending Rupp to jail for thirty days. It would have given Mrs. Rupp some rest and quiet and might have made Rupp appreciate a wife. If Mrs. Rupp never had any opinions of her own and spent all her time over the washtub and the oven, Rupp might think her a perfect wife."

Newspapermen interviewed Mrs. Rupp at dinner yesterday. The four little Rupp's, washed, brushed and combed, sat about the table. Rupp was not in sight.

"He hasn't been on time for dinner for a week. I won't wait long for him though," said Mrs. Rupp.

Rupp did not get home until 9:45 o'clock, and then it was a whirlwind visit in search of clothes. He didn't get any supper.

"When any woman neglects her household duties to address a suffrage meeting her husband certainly is justified in informing the people just what kind of a wife he has."

This was the comment today of

Mrs. Catherine Reber, secretary of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America, and a leading anti-suffragist, upon the arrest in New York of Lawrence Rupp for disturbing a suffrage meeting.

"This seems to be an age of feminine degeneracy," said Mrs. Reber.

The woman suffrage movement may be classed with the fad for slit skirts and transparent skirts, and suffrage-crazed women desert their families to go out on the stump. I think Mr. Rupp was right in calling his wife down and the magistrate who found him guilty of disturbing the peace was entirely wrong."

Miss Minnie Brandstatter, organizer for the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association, said the magistrate was quite right, but that he should have sent the obstreperous Mr. Rupp to jail.

"Mr. Rupp was trying to prove that his supper was of more importance than the future welfare of millions of women," said Miss Brandstatter. "This woman—his wife—gave eighteen years of her life as a domestic servant while she bore and reared his five children. At the end of that period of servitude she certainly had the right to join a movement that would aid those five children in escaping a similar fate."

Cincinnati, O.—Suffragists and anti-suffragists of Cincinnati today condemned the action of Mrs. Lawrence Rupp of New York, who had her husband arrested because he interrupted her speech at a suffragist meeting with the request that she go home and cook supper.

Mrs. Mae Von Walden, president of the Woman's Tax Payers League, said:

"No good suffragist should permit the cause to interfere with her home duties. Mrs. Rupp should have prepared her husband's supper before going out to speak. Suffragists can help the cause best by proving that politics does not destroy home life."

Mrs. Florence Goff Smith, presi-